Assistance for primary education in Chhattisgarh

†981. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of assistance provided, both internal and external, for universalisation of primary education in Chhattisgarh;

(b) which schemes are being implemented for this purpose by the State Government at present;

(c) the achievements of such schemes; and

(d) the number of children not going to schools this year, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) The requisite details are given in Statement-I. (*See* below)

(d) According to the information furnished by the State Government, the position regarding district-wise number of out of school children in Chhattisgarh is given in Statement-II.

Statement-I

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(1) **District Primary Education Programme (DPEP):** District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) is being implemented in 6 districts of Chhattisgarh (now comprising 15 districts) at a total project cost of Rs. 235.98 crores. The project under phase-I is assisted by grant from the European Commission (EC) and under phase-II by IDA credit from the World Bank. Some DPEP interventions have also been approved in the non-DPEP district of Durg at a project cost of Rs. 6.64 crores to utilise the savings available under grant from the EC. During the years 2000-01 and 2001-02, an amount of Rs. 42 crores has been released to the State Implementation Society for

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implementation of the project. Under the project, 1124 new primary schools, 24 Ashram schools and 5743 Education Guarantee Centres have been opened. 4548 Shiksha Karmis and 6365 Gurujis have been appointed under the project. Besides 2204 new school buildings, 650 additional classrooms have also been constructed under the programme.

(2) **Joint GOI-UN Programme (Janshala):** The project is being implemented in 3 blocks of Durg district and Bhilai Urban Area at a project cost of Rs. 1.18 crores. The project is being funded by 3 UN agencies. Under the project, 15 Alternative School Centres have been opened in the slum areas of Bhilai for the benefit of out of school children. 150 schools in Durg district have been converted into Sahaj Shiksha Kendras with the help of the community.

(3) **Operation Blackboard (OB):** 6744 posts of additional teacher and third teacher have been provided under the scheme. Out of Rs. 30 crores released for Teaching Learning Equipment, an amount of Rs. 1052 crores have been transferred by Madhya Pradesh to Chhattisgarh.

(4) **Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA):** Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), plans amounting to Rs. 6.00 crores have been approved for upper primary interventions in the 15 DPEP districts. Plan amounting to Rs. 1.81 crores have also been approved for the year 2001-02 in respect of non-DPEP district of Durg.

(5) **National Programme for Nutritional Support to Primary Education (Mid-Day Meal Scheme):** Under the scheme, 100% Central Assistance is being provided for meeting the cost of food-grains through reimbursement to the Food Corporation of India (FCI). In Chhattisgarh, cooked meal is being provided in 85 tribal blocks and in the remaining blocks, foodgrains are being distributed. During the current financial year (2001-02) about 27.18 lakh children are targetted to be covered in the State under the programme.

Statement-II

District-wise out of school children in Chhattisgarh

S.No.	Name of District	No. of out of school children
1.	Bilaspur	15844
2.	Janjgir	12570
3.	Korba	4871
4.	Raigarh	12622
5.	Jashpur	16193
6.	Rajnandgaon	4589
7.	Kawardha	6153
8.	Surguja	9014
9.	Koria	1304
10.	Baster	3720
11.	Dantewada	Nil
12.	Kanker	521
13.	Raipur	13818
14.	Dhamtari	1134
15.	Mahasamunda	2604
16.	Durg	3747
	TOTAL:	108704